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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0052] and [0053] as follows:

[0052] The stent 1 is arranged on a holder 10, which serves as a device for producing longitudinal movement of the stent relative to the [.] The sheathing tube 9 and the holder 10 are arranged displaceably relative to each other. Disposed at the distal end of the holder 10 is a closure cap 11 which in the illustrated condition closes the sheathing tube 9 in order to make it easier to introduce the stent 1 into the blood vessel 8. It will be appreciated however that, in other alternative configurations of the catheter according to the invention, that closure cap does not necessarily have to be provided.

[0053] The holder 10 has projections 12 which at the proximal end of the stent 1 engage behind the bar elements 3 in the region of the turning points 3.1 facing in the first direction 5 and serve as a device for holding the stent during said relative movement in the second direction. The holder 10 also has a step 13 serving as an abutment for the stent 1 in the region of the turning points 3.1, thus providing a device for producing the relative movement between the sheathing device and the stent in a second longitudinal direction opposite the first direction 5.

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